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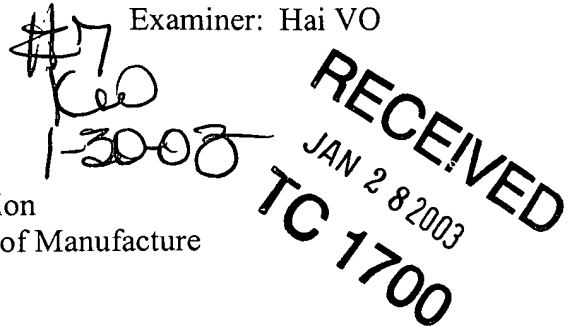
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified Applicants be granted an extension of time for the period of one (1) month from December 19, 2002 to January 19, 2003, in the above-identified application to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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